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1. THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED UPON THE CONCLUSION
OF THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS HEADED BY GREEK
FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR UDALTSOV ON OCT 27.

2. BEGIN TEXT. GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS AND USSR
AMBASSADOR UDALTSOV AND THEIR STAFFS HAD A SERIES OF MEETINGS
IN THE ATHENS FOREIGN MINISTRY ON OCT 25, 26 AND 27, 1976.
THEY REVIEWED THE CURRENT SITUATION IN GREEK-SOVIET

RELATIONS AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITIES FOR
FOR THEIR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED
INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. NOTING THE
POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, FOREIGN MINISTER
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BITSIOS AND AMBASSADOR UDALTSOV EXPRESSED THEIR GOVERNMENTS'
DESIRE TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER PROGRESS IN THESE RELATIONS ON

A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL BASIS. IN THIS CONNECTION,
THEY NOTED THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO CONTINUE TO INTENSIFY THE
EFFORTS OF THE RESPECTIVE MINISTERS AND SERVICES OF BOTH
SIDES TO CONCLUDE A NEW LONG-TERM COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT, AN
EDUCATION AGREEMENT, AND AN AGREEMENT FOR TECHNOLOGICAL
AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. IT WAS ALSO AGREED TO CONTINUE
THE TALKS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION THAT BEGAN IN OCT 1975
AND TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CONCLUSION OF CONSULAR
AGREEMENT. FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS AND AMBASSADOR UDALTSOV
BELIEVE THAT THIS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION HAS BEEN FRUITFUL. THEY
BELIEVE THAT THE STRENGTHENING OF LONG-TERM GREEK-SOVIET
RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP WILL CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHER IMPROVING
THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE IN EUROPE, WHICH BOTH GOVERNMENTS
SINCERELY DESIRE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI.
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